

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9, San Francisco, California is extending the public comment period regarding its proposal to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for various discharges from the proposed Cabrillo Deepwater Port. The Cabrillo Deepwater Port is a proposed importation terminal for liquefied natural gas (LNG) which would be delivered to the terminal via carrier ships. The terminal would consist of a floating storage and re-gasification facility located approximately 14 miles offshore of Ventura County, California at the following coordinates: latitude - 33° 51.52', and longitude - 119° 02.02'. The permit applicant is BHP Billiton LNG International, 300 Esplanade Drive, Suite 1800, Oxnard, California 93036.

On April 21, 2006, EPA provided public notice of the draft permit and also notice of a public hearing which was held on May 23, 2006 in Oxnard, California. The notice of April 21, 2006 indicated that the public comment period would close on June 20, 2006. Due to numerous requests, EPA is extending the comment period to October 23, 2006. EPA is also proposing certain modifications of the draft permit based on the comments received during the initial comment period. These modifications include a limit for the annual volume of cooling water discharges based on a facility design change, temperature limits for the cooling water discharge, and requirements for a baseline biological characterization study. EPA is inviting public comment on the proposed modifications of the draft permit, and will continue to accept public comments on all other aspects of the draft permit until the close of the extended comment period. Written comments should be sent to Lisa Honor, U.S. EPA, Region 9 (WTR-5), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, postmarked no later than October 23, 2006. Comments may also be sent by email to: honor.lisa@epa.gov prior to the close of the extended comment period.

Additional information, copies of the modified draft permit and an Addendum to Fact Sheet, and information regarding the availability of the administrative record are available by contacting the following: Eugene Bromley, CWA Standards and Permits Office, Water Division (WTR-5), EPA, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, telephone (415) 972-3510, or email at: bromley.eugene@epa.gov. Additional information is also available on Region 9's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/liq-natl-gas/index.html>.

Please bring this notice to the attention of all persons who would be interested in this matter.